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The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services recently revised the Code of State Regulations, Immunization Requirements for School Children, 19 CSR 20-28.010, and Day Care Immunization Rule, 19 CSR 20-28.040. These rules establish the minimum immunization requirements for children enrolled in Missouri public, private and parochial schools, day cares, preschools, and nursery schools. These revisions include:

School Children

Effective beginning the 2010-2011 school year the following new requirements will be implemented:

- Second dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all children entering kindergarten.

A written statement is required from a licensed Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease. The documentation must be filed in the student's record with the school. Parental or guardian statements of disease will no longer be accepted beginning with the 2010-2011 school year for children entering kindergarten.

This rule change applies to children entering kindergarten in 2010 and thereafter. Only one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is required for children enrolled in grades one through five. Parental or guardian statements of disease continue to be acceptable.

- Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine will be required for all incoming 8th grade students who have completed the recommended childhood DTaP/DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) vaccination series but have not received a Td booster within the past two years. **If a student received a Tdap after the age of 10, the student is up-to-date. Tdap is currently licensed for one dose only; an additional dose is not needed.**

It is highly recommended that children enrolled in grades nine through 12 who have not received a single dose of Td should receive a single dose of Tdap as their catch-up booster instead of Td or receive one dose of Tdap two years after their last Td dose.

- **New poliovirus ACIP recommendation. The last dose in the inactive poliovirus vaccine series is now recommended to be administered on or after a child's fourth birthday and at least six months after the previous dose. In addition, if four doses are administered before 4 years of age, an additional (fifth) dose should be administered at 4 through 6 years of age.**

Day Care, Preschool, Nursery School Children

Effective July 1, 2010 the following new requirements will be implemented:

- Age-appropriate pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for children attending day cares, preschools and nursery schools caring for 10 or more children. **Unvaccinated children 7 months of age and older do not require a full series of four doses. The number of doses a child needs to complete the series depends on the age the child begins the series. PCV is not routinely recommended for children older than 59 months of age.**

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<u>1st dose given</u>	<u>Number of doses needed</u>
7-11 months	3
12-23 months	2
24-59 months	1

- **ACIP recommends an additional dose of PCV13 be given to a child under the age of 5 who received four doses of PCV7.**
- A written statement is required from a licensed Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease. The documentation must be filed in the child's record with the child care facility. Parental or guardian statements of disease will no longer be acceptable beginning July 1, 2010.

For additional information, contact the Bureau of Immunization Assessment and Assurance at 573-751-6124. Our public health system relies on every dedicated health professional to ensure the health of Missourians.